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SUBJ: INITIAL CALL ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HASAN SHARQ

1. MY INITIAL CALL ON DEPPRIMIN SHARQ WAS FILLED WITH MUTUAL EXPRESSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP, ADMIRATION, AND DESIRE FOR CONTINUED WARM RELATIONS BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND US. SHARQ SEVERAL TIMES STRESSED GOA GRATITUDE FOR US ASSISTANCE IN PAST AND HOPE FOR SIMILAR PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE.

2. ONLY TIME SUBSTANCE WAS APPROACHED IN CONVERSATION WAS INVOLUTED AND OBSCURE REFERENCE BY SHARQ TO DIFFERENCES WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. HE SEEMED TO BE IMPLYING THAT UNLIKE US NEIGHBORS, AFGHANISTAN'S NEIGHBORS (READ PAKISTAN) WANTED TO SEE AFGHANISTAN REMAIN POOR AND TRIED TO CREATE DIFFICULTIES WITH DONOR NATIONS SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT CONTINUE TO ASSIST AFGHAN DEVELOPMENT. HE FOLLOWED THESE COMMENTS BY SAYING THAT AFTER JULY REVOLUTION MANY PEOPLE HAD INTERPRETED COUP TO BE ANTI-US, WHICH COULD NOT BE FARTHER FROM TRUTH SINCE AFGHANISTAN HAD NO MOTIVE WISH LOSE VALUABLE FRIENDS LIKE USG.

3. I REITERATED SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED PREVIOUSLY TO PRESIDENT DAOUD AND OTHER MINSTERS THAT WE WERE ANXIOUS CONTINUE CLOSE FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP, AND STAND READY AS
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IN PAST WITHIN OUR CAPACITIES TO SUPPORT AFGHANISTAN'S

DEVELOPMENT EFFORT.

4. ALTHOUGH SHARQ ENCOURAGED ME TO STAY IN CLOSE PERSONAL TOUCH WITH HIM AND ATMOSPHERE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE FRIENDLY, I DOUBT THAT HE WILL BECOME A BOSOM PAL.
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